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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of:  
Armin Pieroth et al.

Application No.: Not Yet Assigned

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Art Unit: N/A

For: LEAF-STRIPPING DEVICE, ESPECIALLY  
FOR VINES

Examiner: Not Yet Assigned

### FIRST PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

MS Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

### **INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 3 of this paper.